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In The Ranks.

Rise! for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armor,
And forth to the fight have gone:
A place in the ranks awaits you,
Eeach man has some part to play;
The Past and the Future are looking
In the face of the stern To-day.—Ex.

Asbery Point, Iowa.

I commenced a meeting at Asbery Point, 4 miles west of Elkport, and 7 miles east of Edgewood, Clayton co., Io., on the 9th of Oct., and closed on the 21st. At this point the M. E. church had a class and a regular place of preaching for about 15 years. There were none of our brethren, I believe, living nearer than 4 miles of this point. However, some of our brethren, Bechely and Hansel, had been preaching at this place for some years past. But the M. E. church had pretty nearly the entire control of this neighborhood. Our meeting past off pleasantly the first week with two coming out on the Lord's side. On Sunday I spoke on the subject of baptism (by request) and in connection spoke of our faith and practice as a church. Spoke again at night. After meeting was closed several of the leading members of the M. E. church held a consultation a few moments and the result of the council was that Philip Fishel and wife, Samuel Rulon and wife, William Masters and wife, were ready to be united with us in the faith. Brother William had come out a few evenings before. Brother Fishel had been a member of the board of County Supervisors for twenty years, Justice of the Peace for eighteen years, also a school teacher for many years. Brother and sister Fishel were members of good standing in the M. E. church. Sister Fishel, I think, had been a member for some thirty-three years. Brother Samuel Rulon had been a class leader of the M. E. church for a number of years. He has great influence in that neighborhood as a Christian man. Sister Rulon is also of the best of standing. I have forgotten how long brother and Sister Rulon had been members of the M. E. church, but quite a number of years.

On Monday Oct. 18th, 2¼ p. m., quite a number met on the bank of the Elkport. After a word of prayer those six above named, and two women from Edgewood, were buried with Christ in baptism according to Math. 28:19. They went on their way rejoicing and testifying that the blessed Christ were with them. At this juncture one said to me, "I cannot see why you baptized these good people," one of them professing holines. Well I said, I do not think these are any better than Cornelius and those that were with him. The Holy Ghost had fallen upon them and they were baptized in water. People may be very good and yet they may not have followed the Lord fully. The same evening these eight were confirmed according to the Gospel by laying on of hands in brother Fishel's house, after which brother Samuel Rulon was chosen deacon and brother P. Fishel secretary.

Our meeting continued with a school house densely filled every night. On the 21th, at 2½ p. m., we met a large congregation on the bank of the Elk., awaiting the scene of baptism. After a word of prayer, we led four more into the liquid stream of the Elk. One aged 57, another about 47, and the other two between 20 and 30. Five more came out during our meeting.

So the good works are going on; many others are almost persuaded. God bless the little Zion at Asbery Point.

J. Nicholson.

Hudson, Iowa.

Sidney, Ind.

A new branch of the Brethren church was organized on the 22th inst., at this place. Bro. Bashor came here on the 12th, from North Manchester, where he was holding meeting subsequently. The storm was somewhat a hindrance at first, but the interest seemed to grow every night, and before the close the fruit began to develop. Sidney is about ten miles from North Manchester and on Friday last we took the applicants to that place, because there is much water there; and eight were baptized. The meeting or rather the time was limited for the reason that Bro. Bashor had to be at Milford to dedicate the church at that place on Sunday, the 24th. He therefore discontinued the meeting on Friday night. During Friday the organization took place. Bro. W. W. Summers was also present. The number that constituted the flock were nineteen. Six were formerly from the G. B., and the balance were baptized here, except one who was received by letter. On Friday night two more made a confession, and these two were to be immersed before Bro. Bashor could leave; and on Saturday morning when prayer was to be made at the waterside, behold there wese six more at the place to become obedient. When these eight were baptized the number of this new church was twenty-seven.

It is to be regretted that when an interest is once aroused as it was at this place, that the meeting be so abruptly discontinued. The house continued full every night with eager listeners. Opposition made some vain efforts to resist; but even from those it came, it was noticed the tears ran unceasingly from their eyes during the services. This short series of meetings was perhaps the most impressive that was ever held in this part of the country. Now could not some ministering brother move to Sidney or its vicinity and take care of the lambs? The meeting house is already erected, a new convenient building belonging to the Christian people of Sidney and vicinity. Bro. Bashor made many warm friends while here; and the good wishes of all the lovers of purity, chastity and true piety go with him from this place.

Daniel Miller.

The Milford Dedication.

The building of churches seems to have sort of possessed Northern Ind., this fall, among the Brethren congregations.

There is one going up in the city of South Bend, one near that place, to be dedicated on next Sunday, and on last Sunday, we had the pleasure of being present at the dedication of the one at Milford; and just let me say, the South Bend church may equal the Milford house in beauty of construction and inward adornment. But I can't very well see how they may be able to excel. The morning was beautiful and no artist that ever handled a brush, could ever transfer the thousand glowing tints, and changing shadows clothing the forests, the orchards, the lines of maples by which we drove on our way that blessed, peaceful Sunday morn.

Just as we entered the town the solemn notes of a church bell rang out on the still morning air. It seemed to welcome tired travelers to a place of rest. How much more sweet the tones when we found they rang from the tower of our own church of the Brethren. Crossing the neat vestibule we entered the wide door, and sat for some time admiring the high stained windows, the elegant finish of the pews, with their scrolls and pannels of black walnut, the low, wide platform with its tasty carpet, and reading desk of handsome form, finished to correspond with the pews, and a finly upholstered sofa added its beauty to the whole, and flowers, beautiful flowers, abounded—God's free gift, to rich and poor a like—fit emblems of the beauties of holiness.

The house began filling at an early hour, and when brother Bashor rose in his place, there remained scarcely standing room for one more. The congregation arose as the sweet tones of the organ accompanied the voices of the trained singers in "Jerusalem my happy home." How our hearts swelled with the thought—oh that this house may always be found as a bright entrance way to that beautiful city of our God.

I will not attempt to tell you of the address that followed, only those who have had the great pleasure of listening to S. H. Bashor, can understand the perfect quiet of that crowded house, until the end of his eloquent sermon.

The beauty of the day, the elegance of everything in the house, the fine address, and last, but far from being the least, the kindness of our dear brethren and sisters, in providing for our material wants, went to make up a day of happiness long to be remembered.

With many longings to remain and help in the work of the next week and enjoy the feast of good things spread for the souls of the Milford people, we had to say, good-by.

May the saving grace of God our Father abide in the hearts of the people who shall sit within her aisles, the ministers who shall preach Christ from his pulpit, radiate from her doors, and so cloth her with good works that she may well deserve the beautiful name given at her baptism, "Grace Church."

Mrs. E. M. Sigerfoose.

Campton, Va.

Three years past I was taken to this place by a G. B. Elder and after a few days meeting, several were added to the two members of this section. Two of this small flock have crossed over the river of death; time brings death. But how soon can prejudice work up a feeling of coolness. Some of this flock have been so thoughly converted that they only desire the pure word.

Our first meeting was on the eve of the 9th. All things appeared discouraging, friends and G. B. Brethren were told, "Something new was coming to make a division," and divers other rumors. Those who should have worked for Christ's cause were working for home comfort. U. B. and Methodists just closed a protracted meeting. All things considered, I felt lonely. But we must tell our sorry and show the doctrine of Christ free from men-made laws. This done, our hopes brightened, good attention was shown, friends gathered and the Holy Spirit did its work. Two excellent young ladies were buried with Christ in baptism. May they adorn their profession with a Christian life. Wm. Keyser's family will not soon lose a warm place in our memory for their kindness. So kind and obliging man should be in a church. Hope he may see that the Brethren teach the whole Gospel and come and go with us. Some of our Christian friends told us "had you sailed free from tradition when you were here before we should have been with you." How we can delay the Gospel train by adding so much extra baggage. We have several applicants for baptism in our home charge. Perhaps eight or ten will report. Our greatest misfortune is there are so many places to attend that only a few days can be given to each.

E. B. Shaver.

Maurertown, Va.

Morrill, Kans.

On the 7th, ult., I left home and accompanied Elder S. C. Stump to Adrian, Mo., where we met brother G. W. McClintock and brother F. Hendricks, of Jasper Co., Mo., with the dear brethren in Bates Co. To say we had a good meeting don't hardly express it. The communion came off the 9th; the meeting was continued until the evening of the 17th. Five were added to the church; two by relation, three by baptism. One of those baptized was the wife of Bro. J. D. Bowman. He once labored in the ministry but laid quiet for some time. He has promised to do so again. We had a glorious meeting. It was held in the United Brethren meeting house. They rendered so much assistance in singing, prayer, and speaking. Their minister, Elder Snow, spoke the last evening. He did well.

I shall ever remember God's children in Bates Co., for their kindness.

I want to say to the brethren desiring help in the ministry, call on Bro. McClintock, or Bro. Hendricks and you will never regret it for either of them is a power in the ministry. They ought not to be idle. Your weak servant enjoyed the meeting so well he feels like going from home more if the brethren desire his services. The Pony Creek church suffers no loss by me living, as Bro. Burnworth is fully able for the work and I am glad to say he is willing to do it.

Johnathan Warner.

Johstown, Pa.

Let this be the answer to the many inquiring—How do you like Johnstown? I like the place and our dear brethren and sisters very much. Our prayer service, our Sabbath school work and the regular Lord's Day service are all made seasons of true refreshing by the interest manifest by all present. I think it is good to be here.

But let me call your attention to the fact that Bro. R. Z. Replogle is unnecessarily resting. Time is precious and the Lord has much work for his servants to do. Bro. Replogle is an efficient evangelist and that is the kind of work he prefers to do. Are there none ready for his service? Brethren get him into the field. Start him to ploughing up some field in some part of the vinyard and sowing the seed of life. His address is Johnstown, Cambrie Co., Pa. Write to him for particulars.

A. J. Sterling.

Religious Notes.

All of the Protestant Episcopal churches of the diocese of Florida are "free," in the sense that they have no pew-rents.

The new library building of Drew Theological Seminary will, when completed and furnished, cost $100,000 and wil contain one of the finest known collections of Methodist literature.

A Presbyterian church built from petrified wood found in Allen's creek is one of the curiosities of Mumford, Monroe County, N. Y. Leaf and moss fossils are to be plainly seen in the stone.

It is stated that $200,000 has been placed in the hands of Rev. H. S. Hoffman and Mr. C. M. Morton for the purpose of establishing in West Philadelphia a divinity school for the Reformed Episcopal church.

The Southern Presbyterian church has nearly doubled the number of its churches and its communicants since its organization in 1861. It had forty-seven presbyteries, and now has sixty-nine.

The Arabic Bible, for which the United Presbyterian Board of Publication made the grant of $2,000, is completed, and is selling in Alexandria, Egypt, at a good rate.

Freedom of religious profession and worship is taking strong hold on Welshmen. Farmers in that country are beginning to call the clergy of the Established church "the black slugs that eat one-tenth of the corn."